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On May 4 a case of plague occurred in Callao, the first since February 11 of the present year. I have no further information at this writing concerning the 3 suspicious cases in Payta mentioned in my report of last week.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Reports from Manila—Disinfection of vessels—Plague and smallpox—Modification of restrictions on interisland commerce—Recrudescence of plague at Cebu—Circulars.

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, April 22, 26, and 28 and May 4, as follows:

During the week ended April 15, 1905, the following quarantinable disease was reported for the city of Manila: Smallpox, 1 case; no deaths.

The following-named vessel cleared for the United States: On April 15, 1905, the U. S. army transport *Logan*, en route for San Francisco via Nagasaki and Honolulu, was granted a bill of health. Vessel was partially disinfected. Crew and steerage passengers were bathed and their effects and baggage disinfected at Mariveles. Cargo was inspected and passed, or disinfected, and so labeled. The persons on board—crew 182, cabin passengers 155, and steerage passengers 758—were inspected on board immediately prior to the vessel sailing from this port.

Modification of restrictions upon interisland commerce.

I inclose herewith a circular letter with regard to the issuance of local bills of health.

This step was taken after conference with the committee on commerce and shipping, appointed by the governor-general, which is composed of Maj. Gen. Henry C. Corbin, U. S. Army; Hon. W. Cameron Forbes, secretary of commerce and police of the Philippine Islands; and H. B. McCoy, deputy collector of customs for the Philippine Islands.

It is the opinion of the undersigned that the improved sanitary condition of the islands fully warrants the removal of this restriction upon interisland commerce.

[Circulars.]

CEBU, P. I., *April 1, 1905.*

To steamship companies, owners and agents of vessels, and others:

You are hereby informed that hereafter all vessels plying between the port of Cebu and other ports on the island of Cebu will not be required to obtain a bill of health and will not be required to await quarantine inspection upon entering this port, provided that when such vessel arrives with sickness on board, or has had sickness aboard during the voyage, she will fly the yellow flag and await quarantine inspection, as in the past.

Also when a vessel leaves this port one day and returns the next immediately following she will not be required to obtain a bill of health or await quarantine inspection. If, however, such vessel arrives with sickness aboard, she will be subject to inspection, as heretofore.

By direction of the chief quarantine officer for the Philippine Islands.

Respectfully,

CARROLL FOX,
Passed Assistant Surgeon,
Quarantine Officer for the Port of Cebu.